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In re application of : Confirmation No. 8334
Teruto HIROTA et al. : Docket No. 2000_0660A
Serial No. 09/580,601 : Group Art Unit 2131
Filed May 26, 2000 : Examiner Michael R. Vaughan

A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,
PLAYBACK APPARATUS, RECORDING APPARATUS,
PLAYBACK METHOD, RECORDING METHOD, AND
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire March 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: